

PANAMERICANA



www.ppas.org



A LOOK INSIDE

President's Corner, 2
Honor Roll of Donors, 2
Honor Roll of Donors, 3
New Smartboards, 4
NIV Bibles, 4
Student of the Year, 5
Faculty Spotlight, 6

Board of Trustees

Rev. John Wurster, Chair
Mrs. Barbara Kiser, Vice Chair
Mrs. Junie Ledbetter, Secretary
Mr. Louis Stripling, Treasurer
Mrs. Patricia Booth
Rev. Jack Haberer
Pbro. Hazael Campuzano
Mr. James Hanna
Mr. Mike Douglas
Mrs. Marcia Hinojosa
Mrs. Gracie de Lago Lauro
Rev. Larry D. Spencer
Rev. Charles Miller
Dr. Eugene F. Tims
Pbro. Esau Reyes De La Cruz
Mr. Dennis Whitley
Rev. Frank Seaman
Rev. John Ed Withers
Mrs. Lidia Serrata

Please
Consider a
Contribution to
PPAS On-Line at
www.ppas.org

Desiree Gutierrez, Editor

SENIORS MAKE REGIONAL CHOIR FOR SECOND YEAR



Reynaldo
Torres

Presbyterian Pan American School Seniors Paul Vilchez, 18, and Reynaldo Torres, 17, are both competing in regional Choir for the second year in a row.

"Last year, I felt honored and humbled to place for my first time in the regional choir," said Paul of Lima, Peru. "All the hard work done gave its result and I felt really proud. This year, it is even more challenging to me to make it there and also not just staying there but making it to area."

Reynaldo and Paul both had to audition for district and place in the top 20 to advance. Reynaldo placed third out of 56 tenors 2, which hits lower notes, in area B. The auditions are divided into two areas. Paul placed fifth out of 62 tenors 2 in area A. "Regional choir was something new for me last year," Paul said. "The process was hard and it requires a lot of effort and persistence."

Two other students,

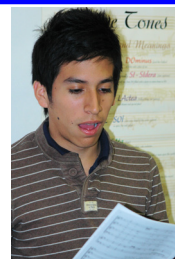
Senior Karla Gonzalez and Sophomore Regina Hernandez were also successful at the audition and are part of regional choir, but are both participating for the first time.

Out of the 800 singers for the first audition at district, only 160 advanced to regional. Twenty will be chosen by each section such as tenor 1, which sings higher notes, then five will advance to area, and finally 8 will move onto state.

Both Reynaldo and Paul said that fine arts such as choir and drama club at Pan American School are beneficial to students for many reasons such as the opportunity to be part of an advanced choir such as regional choir, and stress relief and relaxation.

"Drama club and choir help me to get relaxed every single time I don't want to do anything," Reynaldo said. "At the same time, I develop my skills even further every day."

In addition to choir, both find time to participate in other organizations. Reynaldo is also in praise band, cheerleading, worship committee and is senior class treasurer. He also takes college English, algebra and government as part of the dual credit



Paul
Vilchez

program.

Paul is in cross country, track and field, is student council president and takes college English and government. He is this year's design editor for the school's student newspaper.

Both of these singers share a love for music so it is no surprise that they both want to pursue a college degree in fine arts after graduation.

Reynaldo would like to obtain a music performance and chemical engineering degree at the University of Texas at Austin or Rice University in Houston.

Paul would like to study communication arts and advertising at the University of Houston, Schreiner University or the University of North Texas.

For Paul, fine arts is just like playing sports, he added.

"It requires you to be constant, practice and also if you have the ability, you can go wherever you want with it," he said.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

~DR. JAMES MATTHEWS

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us..." That's the opening of *A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens' novel about the time of the French Revolution. Those were indeed momentous times but no less momentous than right now.

When I look around me here at Pan Am I see incredible things: new SmartBoards in the classrooms, which allow teachers to move images and information around a large white monitor with their fingers... I see an entering class of students with higher test scores than ever before ready and eager to handle a curriculum more finely tuned and advanced than ever before. The school has probably never been in better shape academically. From this perspective things are pretty good.



However, when I look again I realize the impact of the most serious global financial mess since the Great Depression. Revenue has fallen drastically as faithful American donors have been forced to limit giving and parents of prospective students have found even our modest fees prohibitive. On top of that we have had to endure a wave of wind and rain over the past three months exposing the frailties of our aging facilities. From this perspective things are pretty bad.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world at such a time as this; the Ro-

man Empire was expanding and yet the world was in chaos. In one of his most curious statements he said that the poor we will always have with us. My take on this is that in spite of all human efforts to improve, things remain pretty good for some and pretty dismal for others. In other words, every age is the best of times and worst of times.

How each of us deals with our situation, it seems to me, is a matter of faith which is the foundation of hope and courage and determination. Faith is how we look success and failure, joy and sadness, in the face with the assurance that both are illusory and temporary. Ecclesiastes tells us that the sun rises and the sun also sets. What goes up usually comes down...and vice versa. Whatever we do, things are going to get better or get worse or stay about the same. So, in these best/worst of times, the Pan Am strategy, which is to say the way of faith, is to look up to the God who creates us, the Son of God who redeems us, and the Spirit of God who accompanies us.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2010

ABBA Foundation
Alpha Omega Class
B.C. & Addie Brookshire Kleberg County
Charitable Foundation
Brenham Presbyterian
Canyon Lake Presbyterian
Church of the Way Presbyterian
Church of the Way Presbyterian - Sunday
School Class
Citgo Petroleum Corp.
Clinton Presbyterian
Communities Foundation of Texas
ConocoPhillips
Covenant Presbyterian, Lubbock
Ed Rachal Foundation
Faith Community Church
Faith Presbyterian, Austin
In Appreciation of Michael Murray
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Finley Ewing Family Fund
First Christian Church
In Honor of Rev. Michael Murray
First Presbyterian, Alice
First Presbyterian, Alva/ United Presby-
terian Women
First Presbyterian, Bay City
First Presbyterian, Beeville
First Presbyterian, Bryan
First Presbyterian, Cisco
First Presbyterian, Corpus Christi
First Presbyterian, Crowley
First Presbyterian, Cuero
First Presbyterian, Dallas
First Presbyterian, Falfurrias
First Presbyterian, Georgetown

First Presbyterian, Harlingen
First Presbyterian, Kerrville
First Presbyterian, Kingsville
First Presbyterian, Lake Jackson
First Presbyterian, Livingston
First Presbyterian, McAllen
First Presbyterian, Mercedes
First Presbyterian, Midland
First Presbyterian, Navasota
First Presbyterian, Norwalk OH
First Presbyterian, Odessa
First Presbyterian, Refugio
First Presbyterian, San Antonio
First Presbyterian, Taft
First Presbyterian, Tonkawa
First Presbyterian, Uvalde
Grace First Presbyterian, Weatherford
Grace Presbyterian, Corpus Christi
Grace Presbyterian, Houston
Grace Presbyterian, Midland
Grace Presbyterian, Victoria
H. Fort Flowers Foundation, Inc.
Holy Trinity Presbyterian
Hope Presbyterian, Austin
Iglesia Nacional Presbiteriana Monte
Sinai
Iglesia Presbiteriana Getsemani
In Memory of Zulema Leos
Island Presbyterian, Corpus Christi
Jackson Woods Presbyterian
John Womack & Co.
Juan Marcos Presbyterian, Houston
McCracken Electrical Service
Mission Presbytery
Mt. Auburn Presbyterian

Music Club of Kingsville, Inc.
Neshaminy of Warwick Presbyterian
New Braunfels Presbyterian
Northminster Presbyterian, San Antonio
Northwood Presbyterian, San Antonio
Parkway Presbyterian, Corpus Christi
Pines Presbyterian, Houston
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Church of Wimberley
Presbyterian Women - Circle 112
In Memory of Mrs. Anna Ruth Prassel
In Memory of Mrs. Nelda Bourland
Presbyterian Women in the Congregation
In Honor of Joe and Pat Turner
Presbyterian Women of the Church, El
Campo
Presbyterian Women of the Church, Taft
Presbyterian Women, Duncanville
Presbyterian Women, FPC Bay City
Presbyterian Women, FPC Beeville
Presbyterian Women, FPC Cameron
Presbyterian Women, FPC Dallas
Presbyterian Women, Lake Charles
Presbyterian Women, New Braunfels
Presbyterian
Preston Hollow Presbyterian, Dallas
Robert J. Kleberg, Jr. and Helen C.
Kleberg Foundation
San Pedro Presbyterian
Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian
Spring Branch Presbyterian
St. Mark Presbyterian, Boerne
Synod of the Sun
Texas Presbyterian Foundation
The Presbytery of New Covenant

Treasure Hills Presbyterian, Harlingen
Trinity Presbyterian, Denton
Trinity Presbyterian, Midland
The Trull Foundation
Union Presbyterian, Brownwood
United Church of Angel Fire
University Presbyterian, San Antonio
Vienna Presbyterian
Westlake Hills Presbyterian, Austin
Westminster Presbyterian of Austin
In Honor of Rev. Michael Murray
Westminster Presbyterian, Columbus,
OH
Westminster Presbyterian, Houston
Westminster Presbyterian, Odessa
Ms. Priscilla A. Abbott
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Acosta
Mr. Wen Almanza
Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Alsmeyer
In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner
Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Alsmeyer
Ms. Laura Alvarado-Frischeisen
In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69
Mr. and Mrs. Hector R. Alvarez
Mr. and Mrs. Humberto H. Alvarez
In Memory of Rev. Juan Trevino
In Memory of Patsy Bennett
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ambros
Mr. and Mrs. Josyph A. Andrews
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anzaldúa
In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69
Mr. Ruben Armendariz
Ms. Marian P. Ballard
Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Barrera
Continue on page 3

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS THROUGH OCTOBER 2010

Mr. and Ms. David Barstow Mr. and Mrs. Calvin R. Bast <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mr. Dean M. Batt and Mrs. Martha Turner <i>In Honor of Joe and Pat Turner</i> Mr. G.E. Best Mr. and Mrs. George B. Biggs Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Boardman <i>In Memory of Isabel Edwards Thomas</i> Mr. and Mrs. William H. Boeker Jr. Ms. Ann Barger Bracey Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brock Ms. Shirley T. Brueggerhoff <i>In Memory of Sally Barlow</i> <i>In Memory of Cynthia Holden</i> <i>In Memory of Peg McCall Brown</i> Mr. and Mrs. Keith D. Burt Mr. and Mrs. Alan Byars Mr. Felix Calvillo Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Campbell <i>In Memory of Margaret Anne Werneke</i> Pense <i>In Memory of Ginny Whitaker</i> <i>In Honor of Robert J. August</i> Mrs. Reili Cantu Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Carrillo Ms. Jane K. Chapman Lucy G. Clark <i>In Memory of Nona B. Forgason</i> Mr. and Mrs. William Clark Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Cobbs <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> <i>In Memory of Mrs. Rachel Day</i> <i>In Memory of Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Leos</i> Judge and Mrs. B.F. Coker <i>In Honor of Jeannette M. Early</i> Mrs. C. L. Cornelius Ms. Lucile O. Cowles Mrs. Barbara M. Creager Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cross Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crump Jr. Mr. Carlos O. Cuellar Mr. and Mrs. Doug Davies Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Davis Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeCou Dr. Crayden Dennard Mrs. Frank Diebel Mr. and Mrs. John G. Dillard <i>In Honor of Joe and Pat Turner</i> Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dittman Mr. David L. Dobler Ms. Sarah J. Dorna Mr. Mike Douglas Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Dreyer Sr. David Dzul <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mrs. Jeannette M. Early Anne and David Eaton Rev. and Mrs. Charles R. Ehrhardt Mr. John C. Eisele <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mrs. Maria T. Estrada <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Rev. and Mrs. David Evans Mr. and Mrs. William G. Fair <i>In Honor of Jim & Peggy Matthews</i> Mr. Charles P. Fairchild Ms. Eunice Fernandez Rev. Robert H. Fernandez <i>In Memory of Bea Fernandez</i> Rev. Judy and Rev. David Fletcher Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Flores Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flowers Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Flowers Mr. and Mrs. John Forest <i>In Honor of Kim and Diana Warner</i> Mr. and Mrs. Chad Forni Mr. and Mrs. David Frazier Mr. Barton W. Freeland Jr. Mrs. Charles J. Freeland III <i>In Memory of Jean Poe</i> Mr. and Mrs. Michael Frye <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Rev. and Mrs. Osvaldo B. Garcia Ms. Myrthala L. Garcia Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garner <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mrs. Elizabeth M. Garrett	Rev. Charles R. Gibbs Dr. and Mrs. David R. Gifford <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> <i>In Memory of Betty Allene Gifford</i> <i>In Memory of Allen and Elinor Gifford</i> Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey R. Gilbert Jr. Mr. Lionel E. Gilly Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Glass Mr. and Mrs. Javiel Gonzales Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Grant Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Roger O. Green Mr. Marco Grimaldo Mr. William A. Grun Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Haack Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hammer Mr. and Mr. Paul D. Hanna, Jr. <i>In Memory of Paul D. and Nina F. Hanna</i> Mr. and Mrs. James Hanna Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hauenstein <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Ms. Martha L. Hawkins <i>In Memory of Steve Cook</i> Mr. and Mrs. James Helms <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Dr. and Mrs. Glenn G. Hendrickson Ms. Catherine C. Henry <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Bruce and Cara Herlin Rev. Ann E. Herlin Mr. Carlos Hernandez Mrs. Genoveva Herrera <i>In Memory of Jose Servin</i> <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mr. Ross W. Hester Mr. and Mrs. Noe Hinojosa Jr. Emma M. Hohlfield Mr. G. Philip Huey Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hunt Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Huser Mr. Richard D. Huss Mr. David C. Ingraham Jr. Ms. Edna Jackson Ms. Doris V. Jamison Mr. and Mrs. Burton K. Jennings Ms. Sarah Jennings Rev. and Mrs. Thomas C. Johnson <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mrs. Margaret S. Johnston <i>In Memory of Mr. John J. Johnston</i> Dr. and Mrs. Bill Johnston Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jordan Jr. Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Karlos Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Kelly <i>In Honor of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Seaman</i> Mrs. Tita Ketola Mrs. Anita S. Kibbe <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mr. and Mrs. Charley G. Kidder Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kimball Ms. Carol F. Kirkwood <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mrs. Nancy C. Kirkwood <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mr. and Mrs. Don Kiser Mrs. Marjorie Kramer Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Lacey Mr. and Mrs. Mark T. Lacey Mr. and Mrs. Vance Laminack Mr. and Mrs. Lee Larkin Ms. Judy LaSalle Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leal <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mrs. V. Elizabeth Ledbetter and Mr. Gaston M. Broyles Mrs. Ling-Rong Lin <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mr. Joe Lipscomb Dr. Jose A. Lopez <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mrs. Jane M. Lopez-Iglesias <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan E. Martin Mrs. Lois R. Martin Ms. Ella L. Mastin <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Rev. Carla and Danny Mathews <i>In Honor of Claudia B. Harrel</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matthews Dr. and Mrs. James H. Matthews Mrs. Marilyn Duncan McCulloch Mr. and Mrs. Gary F. McGill Ms. Jean McIntyre <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. McKnight Ernest McNealey PhD and Earnestine G. McNealey PhD Rev. Laura Mendenhall and Rev. Chuck Mendenhall Mr. and Mrs. Miguel A. Mendez JD Mrs. Frances V. Metcalf <i>In Honor of Meredith Metcalf</i> Rev. Lorna Jean T. Miller <i>In Honor of The Rev. Edward B. Seeger, Jr.</i> Rev. Lorna Jean T. Miller Mr. W.T. Miller Dr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Miller Dr. and Mrs. Pedro R. Miniel Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Moore Mrs. Lucy B. More Mr. and Mrs. Julius Moreno Jr. Dr. and Mrs. James R. Moyes Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Munguia <i>In Memory of Sam Camacho</i> Mr. Matthew Murray Rev. Michael and Mary Murray <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> <i>In Honor of Claudia B. Harrel</i> <i>In Memory of Rev. Juan Trevino</i> Mr. and Mrs. James N. Murray Mrs. Flor Nanez Mrs. Evelyn C. Nicol Stelley D. Nottingham Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nuss Dr. John C. O'Leary <i>In Honor of the Tom Huser Family</i> Rev. and Mrs. W.D. O'Neal Mr. Edgar Ortega Mr. and Mrs. Henry Owen <i>In Honor of Annie Schaeckenbach</i> Ms. Zoe Ann Palmer Mr. and Mrs. John W. Parker Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Parsons Ms. Jessica Paup Mr. and Mrs. T. Edgar Paup Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Payan Mr. and Mrs. Michael Peck The Honorable David and Emily Peeples Ms. Arla Ruth Penly <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mrs. Anne B. Perdue <i>In Honor of Nancy Brooks</i> <i>In Honor of Martha and Bill McKee</i> <i>In Honor of Beth and Curtis Watson</i> <i>In Honor of Julie and Kevin Gluck</i> <i>In Honor of Alicia and Trip Brooks</i> Mr. Hector Perez <i>In Memory of Daniel Garcia</i> Mrs. Patricia C. Perez <i>In Memory of Patricia Galindo</i> <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> <i>In Memory of Jose Servin</i> <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mrs. Eloisa Perez-Rios Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Perkins Mrs. Maurine D. Pettus <i>In Memory of Dr. Jorge Lara-Braud</i> Mr. Jim Phaup Mrs. Betty Jane Phillips Mr. and Mrs. John G. Phillips Mr. and Mrs. Mark Pickett Mrs. Olive Jean Poe Mrs. Vanessa C. Potter Mrs. Alicia Prado <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Preece Mr. Jose M. Pulido Mrs. Maria Quintanilla Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ramirez Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ramirez Ms. Laurentina Ramos James and Rhonda Rea Mr. and Mrs. Patrick A. Reardon Mr. Perry Reed <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Ms. Mary Reyes	Mr. & Mrs. Donald K. Richards Mr. and Mrs. Harley E. Riedel Ms. Myra B. Robinson Mr. Louis Rochester Dr. William Rodriguez <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mr. Robert W. Ruf Mr. and Mrs. Bob Russell <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Ms. Elba Nilda Salazar Mrs. Eva Salinas Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sanden Mae Dell Schiller Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Schoch Dr. Barbara Schreur <i>In Memory of Dr. Julian Schreur</i> The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Seaman Rev. Edward B. Seeger Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Segel Mr. Robert C. Serrata <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mrs. Lidia Serrata Ledesma <i>In Memory of Joel Armendariz Rugerio</i> Mrs. Lidia Serrata Ledesma Ms. Mary R. Shell Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Sherrod Jr. <i>In Memory of Jean Poe</i> Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Sinnen Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Sloane Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Smith <i>In Honor of Stanley and Carolyn Cobbs</i> Mr. Tarver G. Snedecor Mr. Ignacio Sotolongo Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sparkman Mr. W.W. Speer Jr. Rev. Larry D. Spencer Rev. and Mrs. Richard Spinner Mr. and Mrs. Scott D. Steffler Mrs. Louise Stockton Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer Mr. Louis Stripling Mr. and Ms. Arturo Suarez Dr. and Mrs. George H. Sullivan Ms. Nancy Sullivan <i>In Memory of Jeannette M. Early</i> Mrs. Carol Sweeney Ms. Pat Tally <i>In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Serrata</i> Mr. Leland W. Tatum Dr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Tims Rev. and Mrs. Jerry R. Tompkins <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mrs. Linda Trejo-Todd Ms. Kathy Trevino Mrs. Mary Tucker and Mr. Kirt Kiester Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tumilty <i>In Honor of Stanley and Carolyn Cobbs</i> Rev. Joe and Mrs. Pat Turner <i>In Memory of Jean Poe</i> Mr. Don Turner Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Villalpando Mr. Jay Philip Werner Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wetz Mr. and Mrs. Laughton Whitehead Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Whitley Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Wilcox Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wilkins Ms. Elizabeth C. Williams Ms. Geraldine Abello Williams Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Williams <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> Mr. F. Clark Williams Jr. <i>In Memory of Elena Mackay Reisner</i> <i>In Memory of Daniel Garcia</i> <i>In Memory of Dr. Arnoldo Rodriguez '69</i> Mrs. Melanie Williamson Mr. and Mrs. Bud Windham Rev. and Mrs. John E. Withers Mr. Lawrence W. Wolter Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Wolter Mr. and Mrs. Willis Raymond Woolrich III Rev. and Mrs. John Wurster <i>In Honor of Darnall and Marilyn Burks</i> <i>In Honor of Chuck and Pat Wurster</i> Mr. and Mrs. William R. Yeager Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Young Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Zobal
---	--	--	--

NEW SMARTBOARDS IN THE CLASSROOM

Presbyterian Pan American School installed six Smartboard Interactive Whiteboard Systems and Smart Document Cameras to classrooms this summer.

The 20,862 dollar funding came from the generosity of the Ed Rachel Foundation.

"This technology has proven itself to be a powerful tool for engaging today's student in her or his own learning process, while drawing on resources and teaching techniques that inhere in the Internet as well as in classroom computer software," said Ed Seeger, Pan American Vice President and Grant Writer.

The mathematics, language arts and science departments received the new educational technology and Science Teacher Sylvia Gonzalez said she uses the Smartboard for quizzes and



drawings.

"It's utilization in the classroom has enhanced students' participation during class," she said. "The students enjoy the activities that are available on the Smartboard because they get involved."

Ana Jimena Gonzalez,

15-year-old from Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico said that having the Smartboards in class is better because students pay more attention.

"They are fun and keep us engaged. There are many activities for us to do and it is faster instead of waiting for the teacher to write it, it's already there," she said.

English 1, Reading and Language Lab Teacher Rebecca Perkins uses her Smartboard for building skills, such as introducing new concepts and games and it gives her larger web accessibility, she said.

Nathan Zelaya, 15-year-old from Premont, Texas also enjoys the new Smartboards.

"It is easier to understand the teacher's handwriting like in geometry and they are more interactive," he said.

EACH STUDENT GIVEN BIBLES

Each student at Presbyterian Pan American School received a gift from the school at the start of this school year—a personal New International Version (NIV) Bible in her or his own language, with English-language parallel text.

The total cost of the 164 Bibles was \$2,252 with most the funding coming from Presbyterian Congregations.

"A predominate mission for Pan Am is to continue to develop and nurture the Christian faith of its students," said Marla Hill, Christian Educator. "The school wanted to gift each student with his/her own Bible to encourage them to study Scripture on their own, and to be able to read in their own lan-

guage of origin.

Each Bible includes a glossary and a concordance for topical reference.

Students use their Bibles for study and reflection, chapel and worship, group Bible study and academic classes.

"It is so helpful for student to be able to read Scripture in the language they are most accustomed to speaking and reading," Marla said. "While we want all of our students to be fluent in English, we do not want language to be a barrier to studying God's word. The multi-language Bibles make it easier for Spanish, Chinese, and Korean students to understand Scripture, while developing critical English language skills."

17-year-old Senior Jasiel Hernandez leads a Bible study in the boy's dorm every Thursday evening.

"The Bibles are helpful because when we say a verse, Korean students can read it in their language and the American students can read it in English," Jasiel said. "When we pray, we don't have to have anyone translate it all for us."

Senior Hector Villegas, who is part of the school's worship committee, said he can refer to the Bible now in Spanish, his native language, and read it every day.

"The school giving each student a Bible has motivated students to read it and take it to weekly chapel. It has been very helpful," Hector said.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

~KEYLA CADENA

Although Senior Keyla Cadena is 2 ½ hours from her home in Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, Tamaulipas, Mexico, attending Presbyterian Pan American School is important to her.

“Everything has a purpose and reason,” she said. “It is really worth it to come here because being here has made me grow as a person, friend, and daughter and as a Christian.”

Daughter of Delia Treviño Navarro and Mauricio Cadena Zuñiga, the 17-year-old singer and Student Council Vice President was named “Student of the Year” for demonstrating stability in academic endeavors and leadership in worship.

This award is presented to a student who best represents the mission of Pan American, is a responsible citizen in the school’s community, and is a leader in activities that enhance the lives of all the members of the Pan American family.

“I was surprised and really happy being awarded,” she said. “I did not expect it, but I think I deserved it because I am not only a good student, I also like to participate in extracurricular activities. I hope people can see me as a good role model.”

Keyla, who describes herself



as positive, happy and helpful, came to Pan American School three years ago to learn English, to be independent and study in a different country.

Keyla’s mother, a junior high principal, and father, an agricultural worker, both agreed that attending Pan American School was a good opportunity and a chance for a better education.

Although Keyla misses her parents and sister, she stays busy with her position on the volleyball, basketball and track team, National Honor Society and worship committee.

She enjoys government class the most because it is interesting and important and being part of Student Council because she can help make a change, she said.

“I like trying to help students and I stay involved at school

because I like that I am learning leadership and teamwork,” she said. “I like to be productive and active.”

Keyla’s leadership ability extends beyond Student Council.

This year, she is also Co-Captain for the volleyball team.

In previous years, she was named All-Tournament for her performance in a volleyball tournament and Female Athlete of the Year at Pan American School.

As part of the worship committee on campus, Keyla is also in the praise band.

She helps decide music and is one of many who sings and perform at weekly Sunday chapel.

After she graduates in May of 2011, Keyla plans to study law in the United States.

Keyla Cadena, along with 85% of her fellow Pan Am students, depends on scholarship assistance to study here. Those who require such assistance are extremely grateful to the individuals and churches listed on the “Honor Roll of Donors” printed in this edition of PanAmericana. Thank you, donors, for bringing outstanding students such as Keyla to our campus!

PRESBYTERIAN PAN AMERICAN
SCHOOL
P. O. BOX 1578
KINGSVILLE, TEXAS 78364-1578
PHONE: 361.592.4307
FAX: 361.592.6126
www.ppas.org

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
PERMIT NO. 8

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

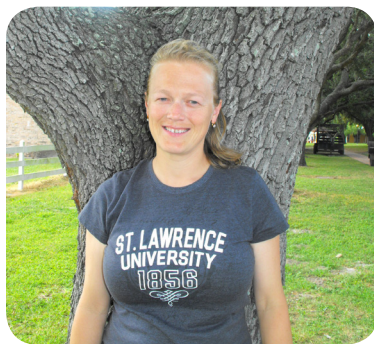
~REILI CANTU

Reili Cantu, Athletic Director at Presbyterian Pan American School, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York on Oct. 2, 2010

"You have to be out [of school] for 10 years. I was the youngest inductee in that class," she said. "We all hope to be recognized for our work, but by no means did I ever expect to be receiving such honor so early."

From Tallinn, Estonia, Reili is also the assistant counselor, and volleyball, girls' basketball, cross country and track coach at Pan American School. She is in her third year and teaches a career class as well as P.E. and Health.

Reili graduated from St. Lawrence in 1998 with a Bachelors of



Science degree in psychology and Master of Education in human development and counseling.

At St. Lawrence, she was a two-time All American in the heptathlon and an NCAA championship qualifier in the 100 and 400 hurdles.

She was twice field event Most Valuable Player in the state meet and holds the record at St. Lawrence in the 100 hurdles, and

heptathlon and a member of the record-setting sprint medley relay team. She finished sixth in the NCAA heptathlon as a junior and was third as a senior and holds the New York State Collegiate Track Conference record in that event.

"It meant a world to me," she said. "I was hoping that at some point in my life I would be recognized. The University has a very successful athletic program."

Girls' athletics has more and more enthusiastic participants than ever in the school's history. Presbyterian Pan American School is proud to have attracted a Christian coach with Reili's many abilities and achievements.